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'These tragedies must end'



Newtown, Conn.

Barack Obama pavs tribute to the victims of Friday's mass shooting

He spoke for a nation in sorrow, but the slaughter of all those little boys and girls left U.S. President Barack Obama, like so many others, reaching for words. Alone on a spare stage after the worst single day of his presidency, Obama was a parent in grief.

"I am very mindful that mere words cannot match the depth of your sorrow, nor can they heal your wounded hearts," Obama said at an evening vigil in the grieving community of Newtown, Conn. "I can only hope that it helps for you to know that you are not alone in your grief."

The massacre on Friday of 26 children and adults at Sandy Hook Elementary elicited horror around the world, soul-searching in the United States, fresh political debate about gun control and questions about the incompreĥensible what drove the suspect to act.

It also left a newly re-

elected president openly grappling for bigger answers. "Can we say that we're truly doing enough to give all the

"The little children, are they with the angels?"

A six-year-old Newtown girl to her mother, in the aftermath of the carnage.

children of this country the chance they deserve to live out their lives in happiness and with purpose? I've been reflecting on this the last few days," Obama said, as some in the audience wept.

"If we're honest with our-

selves, the answer is no."

He promised to lead a national effort but left unclear what it would be and how much it would address the explosive issue of gun control.

"What choice do we have?" Obama said. "Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard?"

"We can't tolerate this any more," he said. "These tragedies must end. And to end them, we must change.

He closed his remarks by slowly reading the first names of each of the 26 vic-

For Obama, ending his fourth year in office, it was another sorrowful visit to another community in disbelief. All the victims were killed up close by multiple rifle shots. The toll: Six adults and 20 boys and girls, all of whom were just six or seven years

Privately, Obama told Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy that Friday was the most difficult day of his presidency.

Authorities said Sunday that the gunman — alleged to be Adam Lanza — was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of especially deadly ammunition
— enough to kill just about
every student in the school if given enough time, raising the chilling possibility that the bloodbath could have been far worse.

The disclosure sent shudders throughout the community as grieving families sought to comfort each other during church services.

Many of Newtown's 27,000 people wondered if life could ever return to normal. And as the work week was set to begin, parents weighed whether to send their own children back to school.

"I feel like we have to get back to normal, but I don't know if there is a normal anymore," said Kim Camputo, mother of two children, ages five and 10, who attend a dif-ferent school. "I'll definitely be dropping them off and picking them up myself for a

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Braydon Mazurkiewich

Young Tory leader resigns over racist comment

The head of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative party's youth wing was ousted Friday after post-ing an admittedly racist comment about aboriginals on his Facebook page.

Braydon Mazurkiewich was upset about a planned urban reserve in Winnipeg when he wrote that the site. which sits on a former military base, was "built for hardworking men and women of the military, not freeloading Indians.

New Democrats, Tories and non-partisans took to social media to denounce the 24-yearold's comment. Party brass stepped in and called it "not accept-

able."
"The PC party
president will be asking Brayden (sic) Mazurkiewich for his resignation. If he chooses not to resign, the party management committee will convene next week to deal with this issue.' party president Ryan Matthews wrote in an

Mazurkiewich handed in his resignation and apologized for the comment, but maintained his opposition to the reserve in suburban Winnipeg. "What I did write was

racist and I do apologize for that," he said.

"But my feelings about the reserve go ing in ... I don't think that would fit well in that community at all. You know, you hear on reserves all the time, people are burning down their own homes. There are shootings and stabbings, and we don't need to bring more of that to Winnipeg.

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Searching for answers. Winnipeg cops probe St. Boniface homicide

Winnipeg police are looking for help gathering informa-tion about the city's latest homicide.

Police were called to the 500 block of St. Catherine Street around 9:45 p.m. Friday where a man had reportedly been assaulted.

A 49-year-old man was taken to hospital where he later died of his injuries.

Police are asking anyone who might have seen a suspicious vehicle, person or people in the area at the time to call investigators at 204-



Police at the scene on Saturday

986-6508 or CrimeStoppers at 204-786-TIPS.

The homicide is the city's 29th of the year.

Soccer. Emblem of 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup unveiled in Winnipeg

With the emblem officially unveiled on Friday, the countdown begins for Winnipeg's turn at hosting the 2015 FIFA Women's World

Cup.
"This is going to be an inspiring event for all Mani-tobans," said Manitoba's Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy Erin Selby during the ceremony at city hall

"That big of an event hap-pening in Manitoba, and a chance for us to stage our city, our province for people



around the world to see, is a really fantastic opportunity for people to see what's so great about Manitoba and why we are all so proud to be here.

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Ottawa failed to consult **First Nations on land: Court**

Looking for a solution. Aboriginal leaders say they are still open to a deal

Manitoba First Nations are moving closer to setting up an urban reserve in Winnipeg with a judge's ruling that blocks the federal government's planned

sale of the property.

"This court challenge was to tell the government of Canada to stop taking our lands, to stop taking our rights to sovereignty ... and to stop denying us the economic opportunities that so many other Canadians take for granted," Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said Friday.

Federal Court Justice Roger Hughes ruled that Ottawa was wrong to start selling a 65-hectare section of a former military base, known as the Kapyong Barracks, without first consulting four First Nations communities which have outstanding land entitlements from Treaty One, signed in 1871.



The Kapyong Barracks were abandoned by the military in 2004 and the federal government in 2007 decided to sell the former base to Canada Lands Co., a Crown redevelop-ment agency. Aboriginal leaders said they were owed the land and wanted to turn it into a mixture of housing and commercial development to create

In his written decision, Hughes said the government

was "egregious" in not consulting the First Nations.
"Canada did not fulfill its

obligations. It did not disclose relevant information that it had. It did not respond in a meaningful way to concerns raised," Hughes wrote.

"The matter is more egregious in the 2006 to 2007 period. Canada simply ignored cor-respondence written by and on behalf of the applicants.

Hughes added that the four First Nations — Long Plain, Peguis, Roseau River and Sandy Bay — have an "arguable but by no means certain claim" to the Kapyong Barracks. He ordered the government to stop sale of the land until the communities are consulted.

The government said it was studying the ruling.

"Today's ruling does not make a determination on claims to the land. We are reviewing the court's decision before making any decision on next steps," Paloma Aguilar, press secretary to National Defence Minister Peter MacKay, wrote in an email.

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Winnipeggers mourn girl, 6, killed in U.S. school shooting

Vigils. Family of Ana Marquez-Greene briefly lived in city before moving south

Members of a local church and school are mourning a bright and talented six-year-old girl who died in a horrific school shooting in the U.S. on Friday.

Ana Marquez-Greene was one of the 20 children murdered in Newton, Conn., in a rampage that left 28 dead, including the shooter and his mother. Ana, who moved back to Connecticut with her family after a few years in Winnipeg, was the daughter of University of Manitoba Prof. Jimmy Greene.

Greene issued a statement via his Facebook page this weekend.

"Thank you for all of your prayers and kind words of support," reads the posting that was put up Saturday. "As we work through this nightmare,



we're reminded how much we're loved and supported on this earth and by our Father in heaven. As much as she's needed here and missed by her mother, brother and me, Ana beat us all to paradise."

Ana attended Linden Christian School while she lived in Winnipeg with her parents and her brother, Isaiah. Isaiah was also at the school during the shooting but was unharmed.

"As a community, let's uphold James, Nelba and their son Isaiah, as well as the many individuals impacted by this tragedy, in prayer," said Linden Christian principal Rob Charach.

The family attended Whyte Ridge Baptist Community Church while in Canada, and the church had a vigil Friday night. Pastor Terry Janke said about 60 families showed up, many of whom knew the family.

A vigil was also held at the U of M on Sunday night.

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Top of the morning

Joggers enjoy this weekend's mild temperatures and the resulting hoarfrost on the trees along the Assiniboine Riverwalk near the Esplanade Riel, Sunday morning. Environment Canada expects the better-than-normal temperatures to continue through the week with highs of -9 C predicted both Monday and Tuesday. SHANE GIBSOM/METRO

Hydro. Pallister urges delay for projects

Manitoba's Opposition leader says new hydro projects should be delayed and built for domestic needs, not exports.

Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister says a delay is needed to examine how low energy prices in the United States will affect the viability of new hydro dams in northern Manitoba.

Pallister says Manitoba Hydro is looking at selling hydro below cost in the U.S. and raising domestic rates to compensate.

The Crown utility plans to spend more than \$20 billion over the next dozen years to build two generating stations and a new transmission line.

It has said domestic rates will rise by 3.5 per cent or more each year, on average, to help fund the projects.

The NDP government has said world prices will rebound, and has suggested hydro power could do for Manitoba what oil has done for Alberta.

Pallister disagrees, believing the projects could be pushed back without affecting domestic supplies. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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School massacre. Leftover ammo suggests an even deadlier plan: Police

The gunman in the Connecticut shooting rampage was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of especially deadly ammunition — enough to kill just about every student in the school if given enough time, authorities said Sunday, raising the chilling possibility that the bloodbath could have been even worse.

Hours later, President Barack Obama told mourners at a vigil that the nation is failing to keep its children safe. He pledged to seek change in memory of the 26 teachers and schoolchildren who were killed in the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

The gunman, Adam Lanza, shot himself in the head just as he heard police drawing near to the classroom where he was slaughtering helpless children, but he had more ammunition at the ready in the form of multiple, high-capacity clips.

Police said they found hundreds of unused bullets at the school, which enrolled about 450 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

"There was a lot of ammo, a lot of clips," said state police



Lt. Paul Vance. "Certainly a lot

of lives were potentially saved." The disclosure on Sunday sent shudders throughout this picturesque New England community as grieving families

sought to comfort each other.
With so much grieving left to do, many of Newtown's 27,000 people wondered whether life could ever return to normal. And as the workweek was set to begin, parents weighed whether to send their own children back to school.

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U.S. Democrats call for gun restrictions

Second amendment doubts. Advocates sav the latest shooting in Connecticut could be a tipping point in contentious debate

Democratic lawmakers said Sunday that military-style assault weapons should be banned and that a national commission should be established to examine mass shootings in the United States.

The proposals were among the first to come from Congress in the wake of Friday's school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

"Assault weapons were developed for the U.S. military, not commercial gun manufacturers," independent Sen. Joe Lieberman, a former Democrat, said before a vigil Sunday night in Newtown.

"This is a moment to start a



very serious national conversation about violence in our society, particularly about these acts of mass violence," said the Connecticut senator.

Gun rights activists remained largely quiet on the issue, all but one declining to appear on the Sunday talk

shows. Meanwhile. Democrats vowed action and said it was time to hear from voters - not gun lobbyists - on how to prevent the next shooting.

Speaking Sunday night at

vigil in Newtown, President Barack Obama did not specifically address gun control. But he

Read and see more about the Newton, Conn., school shooting at metronews.ca, including:

- Portraits of shooting victims ended in a hail of gunfire.
- Gunman's father speaks of sympathy, heartbreak.
- **Employees at Connecticut** school being hailed as heroes in wake of deadly shooting.
- Police say no danger after Conn., church bomb threat.

vowed, "In the coming weeks I'll use whatever power this office holds to engage my fellow citizens, from law enforcement to mental health professionals to parents and educators in an effort aimed at preventing more tragedies like this."

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Allegations taint referendum vote

Egyptian constitution.

Ruling party accused of tampering with polling stations

Egyptian rights groups called Sunday for a repeat of the first round of the constitutional referendum, alleging the vote was marred by widespread violations. Islamists who back the disputed char-ter claimed they were in the lead with a majority of "yes" votes, though official results have not been announced.

Representatives of seven rights groups charged that there was insufficient supervision by judges in Saturday's vote in 10 of Egypt's 27 provinces and independent monitors were prevented from witnessing vote counts.

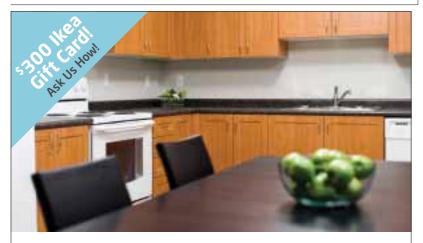
The representatives told a news conference that they had reports of individuals falsely identifying themselves as judges, of women prevented from voting and that members of Islamist



President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood were allowed inside polling stations. They also complained that some polling centres closed earlier than scheduled and that Christians were denied

entry to polling stations.

The vote is the latest stage in a near two-year struggle over Egypt's identity since the ouster of longtime leader Hosni Mubarak in a popular UDITISTING. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Avoiding the pitfalls of ebook self-publishing

Going it alone. Here are five tips to help you get in on the ebook explosion in 2013

Ottawa. Can **Tory-style**

reputation?

Tom Mulcair boasts that

he often sounds more like

a conservative than Prime

about. But for the federal

NDP leader, it's part of his mission to prove to Can-

adians that New Democrats

aren't the wild-eyed, reck-

less taxers and spenders of

Indeed, he maintains

of Harper's Conservatives,

up a huge environmental,

economic and social debt

that's a more apt description

whom he accuses of racking

that future generations will

have to pay off.
"What's a paradox ... is
that these are essentially

conservative themes that

I'm evoking in the sense

that it would be very conservative to say, 'Don't look for a handout, be self-

reliant, pull yourself up by your bootstraps,' all that sort of stuff," Mulcair said in a

year-end interview with The

Canadian Press. "But what

is living off the credit card

Mulcair still emphasizes traditional NDP issues: sus-

tainable development and

the need to reduce social

ing them in conservative

language, essentially argu-

ing that intergenerational

equity requires the current

generation to carry its own

weight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

inequalities. But he's fram-

think that's wrong."

the Conservatives are doing

of our grandchildren ... and I

Minister Stephen Harper. It may seem an odd thing for the leader of a social democratic party to brag

In 2012, Douglas & McIntyre filed for bankruptcy protection, Random House of Canada be-come the sole owner of McClelland & Stewart, and Penguin and Random House planned to

It's perhaps no surprise that year also saw an explosion in year also saw all explosion in online self-publishing, with a wealth of platforms — includ-ing Kobo Writing Life, Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing and iBooks Author — offering auth-

ors an alternate avenue.

"We're actually hearing from a lot of different types of authors, some brand new and some successful ... that have had traditional contracts that are just using self-publishing to experiment with new stuff or put books out that they wanted to do on a different cycle than their traditional publishers were," says Libby Johnson Mc-Kee, director of Kindle Direct Publishing.

If you have dreams of being a self-publishing sensation in 2013, here are tips on how to stand out in an increasingly crowded market:

The moment you start writing the book, begin building your marketing platform.

"The hardest thing about self-publishing is marketing, not writing, and people find this out too late," says California-based author Guy Kawasaki, who has self-published



rom left, a Kobo eReader Touch, an Amazon Kindle, an Aluratek Libre Air and a arnes & Noble Nook are displayed. Platforms that offer authors an alternate wa o get published — including Kobo Writing Life, Amazon Kindle Direct Publishin nd iBooks Author — have led to a boom in self-publishing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FI

"(Authors) finish their book and they think: 'Oh, I'll put it on Amazon and boom, people will start buying it, and they will find that is absolutely not true."

Author Guy Kawasaki, who has written a book on self-publishing

two books and explains how to do so in the newly released APE: Author, Publisher, Entrepreneur - How to Publish Your Book.

Kawasaki recommends spending two to three hours a day on writing, and one hour a day building a marketing platform on social media sites such as Google Plus, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

2 It sounds simple but —write a great book (and know your audience).

"Bad books just don't sell," says Johnson McKee. "And if you write a great book and

really work hard on getting your message right, the craft of writing is still the thing that wins the day.'

Browse blogs of authors in the same genre and understand what fans like to read.

Once the book is written, Once the book is written, start crowdsourcing. Get fans, friends, colleagues and others to copy edit and/or review the book.

'Do this immediately before it goes on sale, so that as soon as it goes on sale you have a bunch of great reviews for the book," says Kawasaki (he sent APE in full format to about 1,000 people before he self-published it, and just three days after it went on sale it had about 135 online reviews).

"Proofreading and editing, though, is a skill and it's some-thing that, just because you write, you might not be able to be the best editor," cautions Johnson McKee. "So if you can find somebody who has that skill and it actually is pretty affordable ... I would recommend trying to do that."

Lure in readers by putting your work on various sites and devices. And create catchy metadata, which includes the cover, title, description, biography, and price.

"People judge a book by its cover, they do, so I would strongly recommend that authors consider using a professional cover designer and investing the time and effort in that," says Mark Lefebvre, director of self-publishing and author relations at Kobo. As with an ebook's text, the cover can also be changed once it's out in digital format.

Write another great book as Soon as possible. Lefebvre notes that passionate and dedicated readers will whip through a book and immediately check to see if authors have written anything else.

This rule is particularly important for genre writers, adds Johnson McKee. "Those types of readers are voracious," she says. "I heard some statistic that romance readers can read 10 books a week, and those are people who are just waiting for the next book to come out.

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U.S. economy

Economic data. fiscal cliff colour year-end trading

Talks aimed at avoiding the so-called fiscal cliff in the U.S. will keep casting a shadow over trading this week as markets begin to wind down for the holidays.

But traders will have key economic data to serve as a possible distraction, including the latest reading on Canadian economic growth and retail sales. And in the U.S., investors will look to see if the strong run-up in housing starts carried on into November.

Going over the cliff involves the automatic impos-ition of hundreds of billions of dollars in spending cuts and tax increases that could put the U.S. economy back into recession.

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Protesting the privatization of health care

A man holds a dummy depicting a health worker during a demonstration Sunday in Madrid, Spain, against cuts to public health care and the privatization of medical centres and hospitals. In Madrid, doctors have already staged 16 days of strikes and health workers' unions are calling for a third 48-hour strike on Dec. 19 and 20. Around 4,000 operations have been suspended in the city since the medical strikes started. PABLO BLAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

CLEARING UP SOME KAPYONG CONFUSION



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Have you heard about the new aboriginal casino that's going to be built on the old Kapyong Barracks land on Kenaston? Yeah, it was on Facebook. Oh, you heard

it was going to be a smoke shop and powwow grounds? Sure, I read about that too, on Twitter.

For the record, none of these rumours are accurate, but they do represent the kind of misinformed and often racist remarks being made around online water coolers about the future of the Kapyong land.

Last week, Braydon Mazurkiewich became the poster child for this problem when the now former president of the PC Manitoba youth wing complained on social media about plans to build a "freaking reserve" at Kapyong, questioned if this might bring "access to cheap cigarettes," and then stated the property "was built for hard-working men and women of the military, not freeloading Indians.

A quick scan of social media or the comments sections of media websites reveals a lot of confusion and raciallydriven tension around this project.

Sadly, Mazurkiewich is not alone in his ignorance. A quick scan of social media or the comments sections of media websites reveals a lot of confusion and racially-driven

tension around this project. So in the interest of having a semi-educated discussion about the future of Kapyong, let's try to dispel a few myths.

First, the First Nations who want to acquire this property aren't "freeloading," they're trying to assert their legal rights according to treaties

signed with the federal government. While the feds dispute those rights, a court decision last week affirmed that four Manitoba First Nations have an "arguable" claim to the land.

Second, the First Nations don't want to relocate or replicate a traditional reserve on the Kapyong property, they want to use it generate revenue for their communities. That's valuable land, and the best way to make money from it is probably through some combination of high-end housing (consistent with neighbouring Tuxedo properties), and commercial development. Third, while there could be some First Nations-owned busi-

nesses on the site that are subject to special tax treatment, the overall development would still pay property taxes (or their equivalent) to the city.

Fourth, the First Nations would likely be willing to set aside a portion of the Kapyong land for the widening of Kenaston, because that will help move more people to the development. Right now, it's the legal wrangling over ownership of the land that's holding up that process.

And finally, regardless of who ultimately develops the Kapyong site — First Nations, the federal government, private builders — any plans will be subject to the City of Winnipeg's zoning rules and approvals. So, contrary to what some online commenters may think, the owners can't just build what they

The Kapyong site is high-profile, and represents a strategic infill development opportunity for the city. It's fair to debate the future of the land, and hold any plans up to scrutiny. But it's not fair to do so based solely on ignorance and racist rhetoric. That's a message that we should all be sharing online.

Feline find

Fossils unearthed believed to be from saber-toothed cat

Researchers say a pair of fossils unearthed in the hills north of Las Vegas belonged to a saber-toothed cat.

The Las Vegas Review Journal reports that a team from California's San

Bernardino County Museum identified the fossils dug up in June as being front leg bones from the extinct predator.

Kathleen Springer, the museum's senior curator, says the saber-tooth fossils are thought to be approxi-

mately 15,590 years old.

The discovery marks the first of its kind in the fossilrich Upper Las Vegas Wash, Nev. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How much is the doggie made of chains?



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Recycled animal art

Bicycle chains get upcycled into art

An artist has created a series of incredibly detailed life-size dog sculptures made entirely from bicycle parts.

Israeli-born Nirit Levav Packer's collection includes a full-size greyhound, cocker spaniels and other mutts constructed from recycled bike chains. gears, pedals and even bike seats. METRO

Element of surprise

Metal mutts are not as tough as they look

At the beginning, Packer was pleasantly surprised that her creations weren't as fierce and hard as the chains of

metal imply. "The first dog I made was a Rottweiler, thinking that the rough edges of the broken metal pieces would loan to the dog's tough persona," she said. "But instead I was surprised to have created a sculpture that was more friendly and cute than intimidating." METRO

Emotional representation

Innermost thoughts shown through dog

In describing her artwork, Packer defines it as, "excitement, curiosity and fun."

"For me, this art is a reflection of my own emotions," Packer said.

"It's a representation of my thoughts from inside out. I love to weld metal and these chains are not heavy. surprisingly soft and flexible. Out of all the materials I use — keys, nails, watches metal is my favourite." METRO

Artist's viewpoint



"The biggest challenge for me in this art is to capture the

expressions that a real dog would typically make. Thankfully, this type of metal is very flexible."

Nirit Levav Packer, 49, from Tel Aviv



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Keeping it all in the family

This is 40. Leslie Mann talks about working with her children on movies directed by her husband and what middle age is like

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Leslie Mann has made quite the career in husband Judd Apatow's movies, playing characters not too different from herself in Knocked Up, Funny People and now This is 40. In fact, much of the squabbling between Mann's Debbie and Paul Rudd's Pete in This is 40 was cultivated at home, making the film a kind of marriage counselling for the parents of two. "It's like what I would fantasize about saying to Judd," Mann explains. "Like Debbie can say these things to Pete, but Leslie can't really say these things to Judd. It's fun to have this character to live through."

The film also gives Mann another chance to act alongside daughters Maude and Iris. (Like in Knocked Up, Mann and Apatow's real-life daughters co-star as Mann's character's kids.) But there can be trouble when her older daughter tries to take her work home with her, Mann admits.

"It's fun for Maude because we don't allow her to curse at home. I know she does at school," she says. "So it was fun for her to be able to do that at work, which I didn't think was a great idea, but Judd thinks is funny. So

that's fun for her. But then she gets home from work and she tries to say the F-word or whatever and we have to shut her down."

Even with Apatow's brand of bold, uncomfortable comedy, Mann says she's game for anything. Of course, she had to draw the line somewhere, but that point has nothing to do with humorous or embarrassing situations.

"The only thing that made me feel uncomfortable in this movie is a scene with Iris when I'm laying in bed with her because it felt a little invasive," Mann admits. "I don't know why, because I can do anything else, but that for some reason felt a little like it was crossing some boundary. Just because everyone was sitting there watching me with my little girl doing what I do with my little girl, and I

didn't like that."

As for life after 40, the actress — who hit the milestone herself last March — has found it to be a mixed bag.

bag.

"I think every day is different. Some days I feel fine and other days I feel like crying all day," she says. "I have lunches with my girlfriends who just turned 40, and some of those lunches we're crying and screaming about our husbands and saying we want to leave them and run away, and then other lunches we're fine and love our husbands and are happy with our lives."

One thing is for sure, though: A sequel about turning 50 would likely be darker.
"I keep asking women who

"I keep asking women who are a little bit older when is this going to pass, and they're like, 'It doesn't pass. It just gets worse,'" Mann says.

A little on Brooks

Albert Brooks on being a parent in Hollywood

Dad. Albert Brooks, who plays Paul Rudd's leech of a dad in This is 40, knows that it can be uniquely difficult to be a parent in Hollywood — especially around awards season. "I've got kids who are 14 and 12, and you try to keep them from going to the actual movies when they go to the movie theatre, but then you let them watch screeners. So we all gathered around and watched Flight, and it prompted a discussion of cocaine that I never wanted to have."



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Putting The Impossible into perspective

Naomi Watts. Her latest film on the 2004 South Pacific tsunami left the actress waterlogged and deeply impressed

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Naomi Watts has spent a lot of time getting to know Maria Belon, and her esteem for the Spanish woman has in no way diminished. Belon and her family survived the 2004 South Pacific tsunami and went on to inspire Watts' new film, The Impossible.

(The family has been recast as

British for the movie.)

"I was blown away by her,"
Watts remembers. "Having
gone through this experience
together and knowing what
she went through, you want
to hold onto everything she
feels and says because you
know how close she came.
There's something now
about her that makes her just
understand life better and it's
just deeply impressive. I'm
full of self-doubt and secondguessing and cynicism. That's
another type of human be-



ina"

Self-doubt aside, Watts could at least relate to Belon as one mother to another.

as one mother to another.

"I'm not thinking about a tsunami on a daily basis," Watts admits. "I have fears about getting separated from my children just on the subway, you know? You laugh, but I've gone through in my head, 'What would I do?' It's happened on an elevator before. And then you're like,

is your child going to know where to get off? Luckily it's only ever happened in our building, so it's OK. They know the number five. But if it's the subway and you haven't had a conversation about it ... You know, I've actually tried to have the conversation, but it's just too confusing for them."

Filming the harrowing and hazardous scenes taking place in the immediate aftermath of the tsunami was no picnic for the actress, but she's not one to complain, always remembering to keep things in perspective. Watts remembers one particular scene where she clings to a tree as water rushes past.

"I was there for a long time, but I was anchored with a harness. Still, with the pressure of the water coming, you still had to hang on tight," she says. "But you just

kept reminding yourself, I'm not going to complain. I'm an actor recreating this. There were people who hung onto trees for 10, 12 hours."

Still, that doesn't mean the waterlogged sequence was a walk in the park.

"Physically, it's the most demanding thing I've ever done. Working with water is always going to be tough. I mean, it was five or six weeks in those tanks," she says.

Taking on the critic

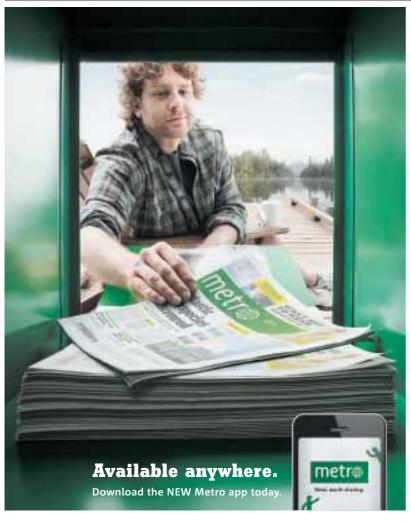
Maria Belon is sick of the

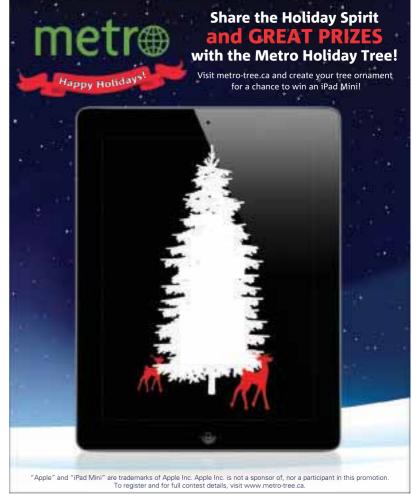
Quote. The filmmakers behind The Impossible have come under fire for telling the story of the 2004 tsunami through the eyes of European tourists. But Maria Belon, the Spanish woman upon whom the story is based, has had enough. "I am fed up with the criticisms of it being in English, a British family," Belon says. "I can't understand why people don't understand what the movie is about."

But Tom Holland, who plays her eldest son in the film, seemed to enjoy himself, at least.

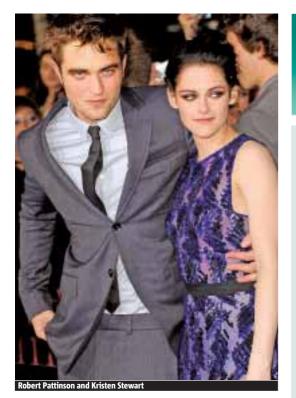
"Tom thought it was the most fun he's ever had," Watts says.

"It was like the water park every day, but the scariest possible one. But he's not only a trained athlete but he's 14, and I'm neither of those things."





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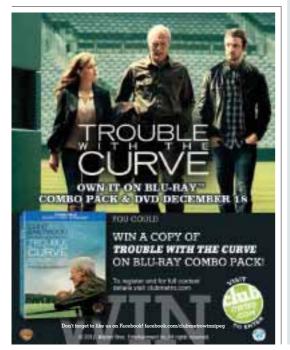


No awkward U.K. Xmas ahead as Stewart and Pattinson opt for L.A.

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart will reportedly be spending the holidays together in Los Angeles, ditching an earlier plan to visit Pattinson's family in the U.K. for Christmas, according to E! News.

It appears the earlier plan would've led to no small amount of awkwardness, as the Pattinson clan is reportedly still cross with Stewart over her summer cheating scandal. But the reconciled lovers are said to be in such a hurry to celebrate the holidays together that Stewart left the premiere party for On the Road in New York early to get back to California.

"The couple will spend Christmas and New Year's together until he leaves on Jan. 8 to start filming his next project," a source



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The Word



L.A. Reid will not be back for X Factor's third season



THE WORD Dorothy Robinson scene@metronews.ca

Considering Demi Lovato and Simon Cowell's contentious behaviour and crazy-side-eyes on this season of The X Factor, it comes as some surprise that it's L.A. Reid who is the first casualty on the judge's panel. The stylishly-dressed music executive will not be coming back next season for the prolity TV express.

the reality TV show.
"I have the utmost re-

spect for Simon Cowell," Reid said Thursday in a statement. Reid claims he is going back to his job of running the Epic music label. "He is the very best, and I have had the opportunity to learn so much from him. Working with him on X Factor has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'm honoured to have sat on the panel with such incredible tal-ent. Of course, I will miss the show," Reid added. "In my opinion, Simon attracts the best talent, but I'm looking forward to getting back to my core business and the responsibility of running Epic Records.

Season 3 already has the go-ahead by Fox, but there's still no word on if Cowell's co-judges — Demi Lovato and Britney Spears — will be back.



Crowe denies reports and vows to 'bring family back together'

Russell Crowe is taking Page Six to task over reports that he's dating Katie Lee, ex-wife of Billy Joel, while he's separated from his own wife, Danielle Spencer.

"These latest reports are false and cruel," Crowe —

who is currently filming A Winter's Tale in NYC and promoting Les Miserables posted to Twitter.

"As soon as I finish this job and can get home, my priority is to try to bring my family back together."



Jon Stewart dubs Grant worst Daily Show guest, and actor accepts it

Jon Stewart recently revealed that Hugh Grant was the worst guest he'd ever had on The Daily Show and he would "never" be invited back, saying at the Montclair Film Festival last week that Grant was "giving everyone s— the whole time. He's a big pain in the ass." Well, Grant got the message, posting to Twitter, "Turns out my inner crab got the better of me with TV producer in '09. Unforgivable. J. Stewart correct to give me kicking."





@jtimberlake

Seriously... The whole Lower East Side of NY looks like Invasion Of The Drunken Santas! I'm not missing out on this next year...



@ElizabethHurley Hate untangling Xmas lights ..



kelly_clarkson

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Just home from work. Cold pepperoni pizza. Had to go for the red wine-cold rainy night of filming. 5am is like 5pm, right?

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As more airlines impose fees for checked bags, travellers are looking for ways to stuff their carry-on bags full and into overflowing overhead

bins. But are you really getting something for free?

The disadvantages to checking a bag is (sometimes) the financial cost, wait times at the baggage carousel or having the bag delayed or lost.

But with a carry-on, downsides include jumping up to wait in line and get on the plane early to secure a bin. (within at least a few rows of your seat) and then hefting a huge bag over your (and others') heads or having to ask



for help to do so.

You're also limited to only 100 millilitres of any liquid (this includes alcohol). Not to mention the jammed in, wrinkled clothes, not having

just the right shoes and pulling the suitcase through miles

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Of wish lists, undesirable gifts and handling high expectations

Holiday demands.

Christmas is a time of year when it's important to manage your kids' high hopes

SHELL

Your children may have wish lists a mile long, but Denise Schipani, author of Mean Moms Rule: Why Doing the Hard Stuff Now Creates Good Kids Later, says that when it comes to gifts, more stuff under the Christmas tree isn't necessarily more satisfying.

"The holidays can be sensory overload for adults. It can be that way for your child, too," she says.

Feeling overwhelmed at your children's overwhelming holiday demands? It's up to you to manage their expectations. They can't temper themselves in the throes of the holidays.

"Mv kids still believe in Santa Claus, and they make their lists," she says. But Schipani makes sure her kids understand these are

wish lists and not just a rundown of what they'll get. Choosing one thing from the list allows you to surprise your child, she says. "There's a way for them to feel excited about getting stuff without getting greedy about it.'

You won't be a Grinch if your child doesn't get everything they desire — not everybody gets everything they want.

'Änd when your kids ask for something that's too extravagant, Schipani points to a chapter in her book titled: Say 'No.' Smile. Don't Apologize. Repeat as Neces-

sary.
"It's not damaging to say, she reminds.

On the big day, tune in to your kid's experience and how he or she is reacting to unwrapping the gifts. If there's a tantrum or you see your child's eyes glaze over, take note.

"The reason they're do-ing that might well be that you've overwhelmed them,'

she says.

And it's equally important to notice when you see your child stop and really engage with a toy. It means you've given your child

When you can't control the grandparents..

Meaningful gifts. that are not going to listen, no matter what," Schipani says. But try having a conversation with family members before the holidays. Tell them to consider whether gifts are ageappropriate or whether a combination of quality time and a meaningful gift might be better for your child than an iPod or Xbox.'

something he or she really enjoys — a gift that's probably sufficient on its own.

Finally, remember to set a good example for your kids and take opportunities throughout the year to remind them of the great things they already have.

Avoid cultivating "more is better" attitude, she notes. "Model the behaviour that you want to







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Meatballs and Cranberry Marinara get the party started



These tangy, sweet-and-savory side of these meatballs make for excellent

party food.

With a Cranberry Marinara, they're ideal for holiday gathering. And the sauce couldn't be simpler or more festive — tomatoes and cranberry sauce.

1. Heat the oven to 425 F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, cilantro, jalapenos, garlic, garlic, fennel, oregano, onion powder, red pepper flakes, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of pepper. Whisk until well combined. Add the ground beef, then mix gently until completely

3. Divide the mixture into 50 balls, using about 2 table-spoons of the mixture per ball. Arrange the meatballs on the prepared baking

4. Place the baking sheet in the oven and bake the meatballs for 20 minutes. Increase heat to broil and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. or until lightly browned.

5. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the cranberry sauce and diced tomatoes. Bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper, and a splash of hot sauce.

6. When meatballs are done, arrange on a platter, then spoon the cranberry mixture over them. Serve with toothpicks.

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- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped
- 1 tbsp finely chopped jala-
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tsp dried oregano • 1 tsp onion powder
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- · Kosher salt and ground black
- · 3 lbs ground beef (93 per cent lean)
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Tolkien literature to the next level

J.R.R.101. University's hefty collection of author's materials attracting students fascinated by fantastic works

The vast collection of J.R.R. Tolkien manuscripts initially sold senior Joe Kirchoff on Marquette University, so when the school offered its first course devoted exclusively to the English author, Kirchoff wanted in. The only problem: It was full and he wasn't on the literature track.

Undaunted, the 22-yearold political science and history major lobbied the English department and others starting last spring and through the summer and "kind of just made myself a problem," he said. His persistence paid off.

"It's a fantastic course," said Kirchoff, a Chicago native. "It's a great way to look at something that's such a creative work of genius in such a way you really come to understand the man behind it."

He and the 31 other students can now boast of their authority about the author, who influenced much of today's high fantasy writing. The course was taught for the first time this fall as part of the university's celebration of the 75th anniversary of The Hobbit being published. And class wrapped up just before the film, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, was released Friday.

The class, which filled up fast with mostly seniors who had first dibs, looked at Tolkien as a whole, not just the popular Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit. Students took their final exam this week, and the course was so well received, Marquette is considering more in the



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"It's the best class I've had in 27 years here ... for student preparation, interest and enthusiasm," said English professor Tim Machan. "And I can throw out any topic and they will have read the material and they want to talk about the material."

Though Tolkien classes aren't unusual nationwide, Marquette students had the added bonus of being able to visit Tolkien's revisions, notes, detailed calendars, maps and watercolours on site at the school's archive. And they got a lesson from the school's archivist Bill Fliss

"One of the things we wanted to impress upon the students was the fact that Tolkien was a fanatical reviser," Fliss said. "He never really did anything once and

No naps in these lecture halls

"It's the best class I've had in 27 years here ... for student preparation, interest and enthusiasm. And I can throw out any topic and they will have read the material and they want to talk about the material."

Tim Machan English professor

was finished with it."

Chrissy Wabiszewski, a senior English major, described Tolkien's manuscripts as art.

scripts as art.

"When you get down and look at just his script and his artwork in general, it all kind of flows together in this

really beautiful, like, cumulative form," Wabiszewski said. "It's cool. It is just really cool to have it here."

The class also looked at Tolkien's poetry, academic articles and translations of medieval poems; talked about the importance of his writers' group, the Inklings; and explored what it meant to be a writer at that time.

"We've ... tried to think about continuities that ran through everything he did," Machan said. His students were also required to go to three lectures that were part of Marquette's commemoration.

The Hobbit, a tale of homebody Bilbo Baggins' journey, is set in Tolkien's fictional realm of Middle-earth and takes place 60 years before The Lord of the Rings. The movie released

Friday is the first of the trilogy. The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug is expected to be released on Dec. 13, 2013, and a third film will come out in the summer of 2014.

Most of the students were just finishing elementary school when the first Lord of the Rings film was released 11 years ago

11 years ago.

Kirchoff said he started reading The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings when he was in fourth grade, before the movies came out. He said the movies have introduced others to Tolkien's ideas, making his love for Tolkien's fantasy worlds more socially acceptable.

"The movies were fantastic enough and engaging enough to coexist in my mind with the literature I really do love," he said.

Wabiszewski said it's

Lord of the reads

History of a creative collection

Marquette University is one of the main repositories of Tolkien's drafts, drawings and other writings — more than 11,000 pages.

- It has the manuscripts for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, as well as his lesser-known Farmer Giles of Ham and his children's book Mr. Bliss. Marquette was the first institution to ask Tolkien for the manuscripts in 1956 and paid him about \$5,000.
- The university acquired the manuscripts after it hired William Ready in 1956 to build its literary collection. Ready, who became interested in Tolkien after reading The Hobbit, in turn hired Bertram Rota, a London rare book dealer, to serve as the agent for Marquette.
- Rota wrote to Tolkien and asked for his original manuscripts. Tolkien happened to be worried about his retirement finances and agreed to the sale. Tolkien died in 1973.

clear her classmates weren't just taking the class as a filler

"I definitely expected the enthusiasm from everybody, but just the knowledge that everybody brought into the class, it's cool," she said. "We really have a smart group of people in that class who have a lot to offer."

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The In-Credibility Factor

Name: Sarah Prevette City: Toronto Age: 30 Occupation: Founder and CEO of Sprouter



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Sarah Prevette has been hailed as one of the top entrepreneurs in North America. With her work profiled in the Wall Street Journal and Forbes magazine, Prevette is credited with assisting more than 100,000 start-ups around the world through her online company. Sprouter was acquired by the Post Media Network in 2011, but she still runs the company and has started a new venture called BetaKit that is focused on identifying emerging technology trends for Fortune 500 companies.

I knew I was on my way when ... someone came up to me and told me how Sprouter had affected their life. It was profoundly moving to have someone give credit to something you had built as a reason for their success. The incredible feed-

Leaving a legacy

"I hope I can look back one day and say I acted on my ambitions and that I left the world a better place."

Sarah Prevette Founder and CEO of Sprouter

back from the community continues to be a motivating factor for all of us. I hope I can look back one day and say I acted on my ambitions and that I left the world a better place.

Action Plan

Don't isolate yourself

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Adjust your course

Iterate based on feedback from your potential market and understand it's a continuous evolution of your business.

Fall in love with the problem, not the solution.

Be focused on the core issue you are trying to solve. You can always change the solution. Don't get caught up in features and functionality.







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Mastering the plan: Why organizing your venture is vital

The future figured out. Keep yourself on track with a sketched out success map

Attempting to operate a business without a well-structured business plan is like jumping out of a plane without a proper parachute. You're just taking a gamble and hoping for positive results. When it comes to starting a business, having a robust plan is vital.

There is an overwhelming amount of material available and it can be challenging for young entrepreneurs to know where to look for information

With this in mind, a new online business resource centre is available for free, complete with multimedia tools, educational videos and a business plan writer. All this can be found at cybf.ca/

Solid foundations

The Canadian Youth Business Foundation offers the following reasons why a business plan is essential for success:

- Having a business plan will save you time and money in the long-run. It helps you manage your daily tasks effectively, which in turn allows you to reach your long-term goals.
- It serves to guide you along your entire path to success from concept to start-up to expansion.
- Taking time to carefully plan helps you budget appropriately and identify potential risks that you may not have considered otherwise.

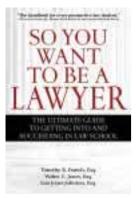
resources and can help aspiring entrepreneurs on their path to success. Designed to simplify the planning process, this interactive tool for writing business plans allows users to customize their plan and offers tips and examples along the way.

"We want to encourage people to start a business," says Dominik Loncar, an entrepreneur-in-residence with the Canadian Youth Business Foundation, which created the resource.

"We believe this new resource will be of great benefit to entrepreneurs, helping them to minimize the risks typically associated with starting a business, and allow them to be more knowledgeable and effective." NEWS CANADA



Uncovering the secrets behind the scales



Law of landing the position. How hitting the books differs from hitting the stand

BRUCE WALSH

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In addition to graduating from Harvard Law and practicing in New York City, Lisa Jones Johnson has found time to become a published mystery novelist and screenwriter. She recently co-authored So You Want to Be a Lawyer: The Ultimate Guide to Getting Into and Succeeding in Law School, and is hoping her narrative chops will set this how-to career book apart from the rest.

What surprised you about law school?

The level of reading and very specific analytic writing felt daunting at first. We try to prepare people for that. Everybody in college has written papers. This is a whole other level of

Elip side of the field

Law school is very academic. ... Practising law is very different.

Lisa Jones JohnsonAuthor of So You Want to Be a Lawver

analytical writing.

What's the most common misconception people have about law school?

That law school is like practising law. Law school is very academic. You read and write

a lot. You go back and forth with professors and colleagues about big concepts and ideas. Practising law is very different. It's very detailed. Most junior lawyers are thrown right into drafting contracts. I think schools need to add some practical contract drafting courses. You need to know the theory behind it, but you need to know the building blocks of drafting as well.

How should you go about choosing a law school?

For me, No. 1 is the pres-

tige factor — the alumni network. Your first jobs are likely going to come from those contacts. If you have the grades and if you're fortunate enough to get in, you want to go to a top-tier school. If you can't get into that kind of school, the question you need to ask becomes very simple: Can I actually get a job after I finish? There are a lot of accredited schools out there that don't really place their graduates. Do they have a placement office? Will they actively make sure that I get a job?



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metronews.ca Monday, December 17, 2012 **SPORTS**

NFL. Packers lock up NFC North with win over Bears

The Green Bay Packers clinched their second straight NFC North title with a 21-13 victory over the archrival Chicago Bears on Sunday

James Jones caught all three touchdown passes thrown by the Packers' Aaron Rodgers. Green Bay has now won six straight in the NFL's oldest — and fiercest rivalry.

The Packers (10-4) have won 12 straight against NFC North opponents, the longest streak in the NFL



Toronto. Bills' game goes south as NFL heads north

Rookie Russell Wilson rushed for three TDs and threw for another while Earl Thomas returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown as the Seattle Seahawks steamrolled past the Buffalo Bills 50-17 on Sunday at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

Seattle (9-5) earned its fifth win in six games and cemented its first winning season since going 10-6 in 2007. It also marked the second straight lopsided win for the Seahawks. who downed Arizona 58-0 last



ns into the end zone

Broncos rumble to 9th straight win vs. Ravens

NFL. Denver gets win in Baltimore despite off game from QB Manning

The Denver Broncos no longer can be considered a notch below the best in the AFC, nor can they be viewed as a team that can succeed only when Peyton Manning puts up daz-

zling numbers.
Their 34-17 rout of the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday showed just how good these Broncos can be.

Chris Harris returned an interception 98 yards for a momentum-turning touchdown, and Denver cruised to its ninth straight victory in surprisingly

easy fashion.
"You come to the Ravens' house and beat them handily, it's definitely a statement game," Harris said. "We definitely wanted to show to everybody that we're an elite team.

Manning threw for 204 yards and a score in his ninth

For three weeks, Baltimore has needed one win to clinch a fifth straight trip to the playoffs. The Ravens still lead the AFC North, but their lead over the Cincinnati Bengals has shrunk to one game with two to play.

consecutive win against Baltimore, the first with the Broncos

But he was merely a role player in this one, because Denver's defence dominated the Ravens, who sputtered in their first game with Jim Caldwell as

offensive co-ordinator.
This was supposed to be a test for Denver, which was eager to face a quality opponent on the road.

"Pat Bowlen has owned the team for 29 years and has averaged 10 wins a season, but it's the first time he's won in this building," Broncos coach John Fox said. "I was proud to see that for him."



Sandy Hook tragedy

NFL pays tribute to shooting victims

The New England Patriots silenced their "End Zone Militia" on Sunday night, paying tribute to the victims of the Connecticut school shooting by cancelling the traditional scoring celebration in which men dressed as Revolutionary War soldiers fire muskets into the air.

Two days after 20 children and six adults were shot to death at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. Conn., the Patriots joined teams across the NFL that honoured the victims' memory by asking for a moment of silence.

New York Giants receiver Victor Cruz, after learning that he was the favourite player of one six-year-old victim, wrote "R.Í.P. Jack Pinto," "Jack Pinto, my hero" and "This one is for you" on his shoes for the Giants game against the Falcons. Cruz said he called the boy's family after hearing he was a Giants fan and was told they planned to bury him in one of Cruz's No. 80 jerseys.

"I don't even know how to put it into words," Cruz said. "There are no words that can describe the type of feeling that you get when a kid idolizes you so much that unfortunately they want to put him in the casket with your jersey on. I can't even explain it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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metronews.ca Monday, December 17, 2012 **SPORTS**

Courting disaster? NHLPA to vote on dissolving union

NHL. Lockout talks shift from boardroom to courtroom with no end in sight

A critical vote was set to begin Sunday that will determine if the NHL labour battle moves from the negotiating table to the courtroom.

The players are casting their ballots on whether or not to give their executive board the authority to dissolve the NHL Players' Asso-

Doing so would allow the board to file a disclaimer of interest, which is a step toward disbanding the union and giving the players the chance to file anti-trust lawsuits against the league.

Two-thirds of the union's membership must vote in favour of the move over a five-day period that ends Thursday, then the union executive board must re-

The league has already



some pre-emptive action after it filed a classaction complaint on Friday that asked a federal court in New York to make a declaration on the legality of the lockout

The NHL also filed an unfair labour practice charge with the U.S. National Labor Relations Board.

The union was quick to respond with a statement on Friday night that suggested the league was overstepping its bounds. At that point, it had vet to even be served

with the lawsuit.

"The NHL appears to be arguing that players should be stopped from even considering their right to decide whether or not to be represented by a union," it read. "We believe that their position is completely without

By filing the class-action complaint in New York, the NHL guaranteed that the legality of the lockout would be decided in a court known to be sympathetic towards manage-

If the NHI PA files for a "disclaimer of interest" it will seek to have the work stoppage deemed illegal — something that could see players paid triple their lost salary in damages if successful.

Despite the focus of the lockout shifting from the board room to the courtroom, there is nothing preventing the sides from continuing to try to negotiate with one another. They met separately over two days with a U.S. federal mediator this week in New Jersey, but failed to make any progress. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Another win for the Raptors

Houston Rockets guard James Harden drives to the basket against the Raptors' Amir Johnson on Sunday in Toronto. The winning continued for the Raptors — for one game at least. Jose Calderon had 18 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists to lead the short-handed Raptors to a 103-96 win over the Rockets, marking the first time Toronto has won consecutive games in eight long months. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Cys matter: Blue Jays working on trade to acquire Mets' Dickey

The Blue Jays' rumoured blockbuster acquisition of NL Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickev seems to have come down to 72 hours of direct negotiation.

After two days of intense talks, the Jays and Mets, according to a Fox Sports report, have an agreement in principle including seven players. The Mets have given Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos until Tuesday at 2 p.m. to talk to the 38-year-old Dickey, who has one year left on his contract, and work out a two-year exten-

The 23-year-old d'Arnaud was due to arrive in the majors in 2013. He was the 2011 Double-A Eastern League MVP, and was off to a terrific start in Triple-A this year before suffering a torn left knee ligament in June.

sion through 2015.

The knuckleballer is rumoured to be going to the Jays along with his personal • Noah Syndergaard, 20, was one of the Jays' big three pitching prospects at Lansing in the Class-A Midwest League, posting a 2.60 ERA in 103 2/3 innings with 31 walks and 103 strikeouts.

catcher, Josh Thole, and an unnamed prospect for catchers Travis d'Arnaud and John Buck, pitcher Noah Syndergaard and

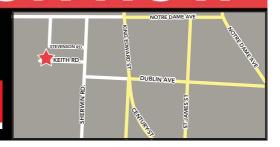
D'Arnaud and Syndergaard are the No. 1 and No. 3 prospects in the Jays organization, according to MLB.com.

The Jays would likely pull out of any proposed deal if they could not work out the extension with Dickey. At the end of the season, the Mets picked up a club option on Dickey for a very reasonable \$5 million, but were looking to lock him up for another two seasons. Foiled, they decided to explore a trade. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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T Aries

March 21 - April 20

Thinking about what might have been is a complete waste of time. You will always get the chance to do things in the future that make up for what you did, or did not do, in the past. Why worry?

Taurus April 21 - May 21

You are in a can-do mood at the moment and that's good because the planets indicate that if you make an effort, the results will be spectacular. Jupiter in the money area of your chart could make you a

∐ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Anything is possible if you want it enough - yes, anything. Identify what it is you most want to accomplish then just go for it, and ignore those who say you are being irresponsible. What do they know? Nothing!

Gancer

June 22 - July 23

If there is something you wanted to finish but for one reason or another failed to see through to the end, don't worry, you'll get another chance. Is it the last chance? Maybe not, but do you want to

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You can sense that if you want to make changes to your lifestyle you are going to have to make them soon. You have spent enough time thinking and planning, now you must act. It's now

W Virgo

or never.

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't think about what you intend to do. Just do it and let the situation unfold according to its own momentum. The year is too old to make detailed plans. Just take each day, and moment, as it comes.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try not to tie yourself down to tasks and chores that can be done at any time. Jupiter in your fellow Air sign of Gemini urges you to be adventurous today. Go some place you have never been to before.

M Scorpio

Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22

It might be wise not to get too involved in something your friends are clearly enthused about. Don't worry that you might be missing out. On the contrary, you're making time for more important things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It may be a bit too easy to lose your sense of perspective today as mind planet Mercury opposes Jupiter in your opposite sign. Something will annoy you for sure but you don't have to take it seriously.

り Capricorn

You should be promoting yourself for all you are worth, not only because you are worth more than your rivals but because you have something valuable to offer. Leave your mark on the world and make it a big one.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You won't lack for courage or confidence today but you must make sure they are well directed. This is the perfect time to take a creative endeavour to a higher level. Believe you can do it and you'll find a way.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you have promised to do something for a loved one then you must do it — immediately. Yes, of course, you did not realize that other factors would come into play but that's irrelevant. Promises must be kept. SALLY BROMPTON

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- 1. Droop in the middle
- 4. Vacation spot
- 7. School org.
- 10. Airport listing
- 11. Fake fanfare
- 13. Gait
- 14. Follower (suffix) 15. Strong handsome horse
- 16. "Panic ---'
- 17. On the up and up
- 20. Matter, in law
- 21. Aftershock
- 25. Take from the top 28. L.A. Law actress Susan
- 29. Gardner of Hollywood
- 31. Nickname for comedian Bill
- 32. Shut the door forcefully 33. Founded (abbr.)
- 34. Touch lightly
- 35. Jazz great Fitzgerald
- 36. Front runner
- 38. Dutch city 40. Give a hand to
- 45. Group
- 48. Dublin's land
- 49. The Naked Truth actress Leoni
- 50. of Green Gables
- 51. Squeal 52. Flub
- 53. To soak
- 54. Snake sound
- 55. Unruly crowd

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- 2. Comic actor Johnson 3. "Little Miss Sunshine" actor
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- 5. French capital
- 6. Sandler or Baldwin
- 7. In favour of

- 8. Close for Comfort
- 9. Banking machine (abbr.)
- 12. Wanes

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- 13. "A Grows in Brooklyn" 18. Take the creases out
- 19. Attempt
- 22. Shopping mecca
- 23. Racetrack shape
- 24. Hindu deity
- 25. Rod accompaniment
- 26. Threat ending 27. Computer input
- 28. Speck 31. Kind of beetle
- 32. Grain
- 34. Vigor
- 37. Title for Judi Dench
- 38. Noblemen 39. Some showdowns
- 41. Perjures

42. Discussion point 43. Roman Emperor

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- 44. Clothing 45. Road surface

- 46. Compass bearing (abbr.) 47. Picnic pest



See today's answers metronews.ca/ answers.





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